

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A toner seal member which is to be kept in contact with a rotating member to seal a toner, wherein;

5 said toner seal member has a nonwoven-fabric sheet on a support layer formed of an elastic member; said nonwoven-fabric sheet having a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 10 μm .

10 2. The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet has a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 8 μm .

15 3. The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet has a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.

20 4. The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet comprises a polyester nonwoven fabric.

25 5. The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet has a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 8 μm , and has a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.

6. The toner seal member according to claim 5,

wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet comprises a polyester nonwoven fabric.

7. A process cartridge detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus; the process cartridge comprising an image bearing member and a toner seal member kept in contact with the image bearing member to seal a toner, wherein;

10 said toner seal member has a nonwoven-fabric sheet on a support layer formed of an elastic member; said nonwoven-fabric sheet having a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 10 μm .

15 8. The process cartridge according to claim 7, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet has a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 8 μm , and has a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.

20 9. The process cartridge according to claim 8, wherein said nonwoven-fabric sheet comprises a polyester nonwoven fabric.